

2016-2017 BUDGET QUESTION
Response to Request for Information

DEPARTMENT: Public Health, Emergency Medical Services, Police, Municipal Court

REQUEST NO.: 92

REQUESTED BY: Tovo

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REQUEST: Does the FY 2018 Proposed Budget include funding for the Homeless Outreach Street Team (HOST)?

RESPONSE: The City Manager is prepared to continue the HOST team in its current configuration and funding levels for FY 2018. This is accomplished by temporarily reassigning staff from APD, EMS, and the Downtown Austin Community Court (DACC) to the HOST team from existing budgets.

However, based on the lessons learned from the FY 2017 pilot, this configuration is inefficient, unsustainable and does not allow for an expansion of service. Staff will be issuing a memo documenting the lessons learned from the pilot along with recommendations that will make HOST sustainable as well as increase its capacity should Council decide to do so.